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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add new claims 67-70 as follows:

500017 -- 67. A transmitter for transmitting a sequence of intermittent messages to maintain synchronization between the transmitter and at least one receiver, wherein said sequence of intermittent messages are in groups of messages, each group being separated from the next group by a first period of time and including of a plurality of messages in series, each of the plurality of messages in a group being separated from an adjacent message in that group by a second period of time, said transmitter comprising:

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